

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
May 5, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:**                **COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.  
COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH  
COUNCILMEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH  
MAYOR GRAHAM**

**ALSO PRESENT:**    **CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU  
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 - Appointment to the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library Board of Trustees – Stephen J. Bradley
- 2 - Appointment to the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library Board of Trustees – Keith Caughlin
- 3 - Reappointment to the Transportation Commission –Donald Drew
- 4 - Reappointment to the Transportation Commission –Sandra Guyton
- 5 - Reappointment to the Transportation Commission –Owen Virkler
- 6 - Appointment to the Transportation Commission –Mary Morgan
- 7 - Approving Agreement for Public Benefit Services Between the City of Watertown and the Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development Corporation
- 8 - Authorizing Application for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)
- 9 - Authorizing the Issuance of \$300,000 Bonds of the City Of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Reconstruction of Gaffney Road, Including Street, Curb and Storm Sewer Upgrades and the Purchase and Installation of a Sewage Lift Station, In and for Said City
- 10 - Amending City Code Section 293-61, Schedule XIII, Parking Prohibited At All Times, North Indiana Avenue
- 11 - Tabled Resolution -Approving Agreement with Lu Engineers for 2008 Traffic Engineering Work
- 12 - Public Hearings for 2008-09 Operating Budgets and 2008-09 through 2012-13 Capital Budget
- 13 - Monthly Financial Report
- 14 - Codes Property Updates

**COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2008 and the adjourned meeting of April 28, 2008 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Clough, seconded by Council Member Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Notices of petition were received from Carrols Corporation and Pepsi Bottling Group for review of assessment.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Mayor Graham proclaimed May 10, 2008 as Ready, Set, Fun Book Festival Day in the City of Watertown. Mr. Terry Baker accepted the proclamation. He explained 14,000 children received free books at last year's event. Watertown's event is the second largest one in the New York State.

Mayor Graham and Council Member Clough presented Donald "Mo" Hunt with a Certificate of Appreciation for all of the diving and rescue work that he has done for the City over the years.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Michael McCarthy**, Francis Street, addressed the chair stating that he would like the city buses to run until 10 p.m. and go out to the mall. He also commented that the restrooms at the fairgrounds and the Veteran's walkway need to be maintained. He also stated that the restroom facilities at Thompson Park are not handicapped accessible enough. Mr. McCarthy remarked that all the residents of the City should have a vote on the dog park.

**S.G. Gates**, Dorsey Street, addressed the chair stating that he had brought some supporters of the dog park with him this evening. He advised Council that it was time to start the process for the selection of the location for the park.

One of the supporters who did not give her name indicated that several businesses are willing to donate but need a confirmation of the location.

**Jason Trainham** addressed the chair stating that the bus system needs to expand and people need more places to shop.

**Myron Kehoe**, 1115 Gotham Street, addressed the chair concerning the streetscape project and the difficulty that people are having with parking and access to downtown buildings. He stated that while he knows that they have a job to do, it is very frustrating when people who work in the buildings can't even get into them through the front door. He explained that they closed off the sidewalk and blocked parking on the south side, while working on the east side. He stated that they told him that this was in case they did get over there to work. He stated that something should be worked out with the contractor as this is not just a one or two week project.

Mrs. Corriveau commented that part of the concern is providing access to businesses 100% of the time. The contractor is supposed to provide access in and out of the businesses, even though parking might be limited. She explained that there is a representative in the City's Engineering Department who is out inspecting all the time. Anyone with these types of concerns should contact either Engineering or Christine Hoffman.

Council Member Clough responded that perhaps the representative or Mrs. Hoffman should be stopping into these businesses.

Mrs. Hoffman responded that she was down there last week and what Mr. Kehoe is saying is what happened. They had blocked the entire south side.

Council Member Clough remarked that we should be ahead of the game to see if there is anything we can do to help these businesses.

Council Member Burns asked the City Manager to contact Villager.

Council Member Smith asked if any of this work could be done at night or in the evening.

Mr. Hauk, City Engineer, explained that this has been discussed. A schedule is trying to be worked out with them. However, we will have to pay the shift-differential costs. He also stated that if anyone is having any problems such as Mr. Kehoe addressed, they should call the Engineering Department.

Mayor Graham asked about them working on Saturdays.

Mr. Hauk stated that if the City mandates it, they will. However, it will be more costly.

Council Member Smith asked if there was anyway that night work could be negotiated for the rest of the season.

Mrs. Corriveau reminded Council that there are a lot of people who live downtown and they would be trying to sleep at night.

Council Member Smith suggested evening hours.

Mayor Graham remarked that Council Member Smith's proposal has merit. He also stated that this project has to be completed this year.

Mr. Hauk responded that everything is being done to meet this year's construction season.

Council Member Burns remarked that while she understands negotiations, she is very surprised that Villager doesn't understand that the downtown merchants and the City Council are not going to tolerate businesses being shut down during business hours. She remarked that these are legitimate concerns and Mr. Kehoe has been very patient. He is one of the biggest supporters of downtown and there is no excuse for this to happen again.

Mr. Kehoe remarked that Villager workers have said that after the curbing work is done, the road work will be done at night.

**James Heise**, 220 Moulton Street, addressed the chair asking who disciplines the Police Department. He stated that he has had problems with a gang of kids. He has called the police but was told that since the one bothering him is a minor, they can't do anything. He explained that the youth attacked him and the police would not help him. He also explained that he asked for their badge numbers and their names and they refused to give it to him.

Mayor Graham asked Mrs. Corriveau to make arrangements to have Mr. Heise meet with a senior officer or with the Chief.

Mrs. Corriveau will check into this and will meet with Mr. Heise to address his concerns.

**Diane Chase** addressed the chair stating that even though she doesn't have a dog, she does support a dog park. She explained that dogs use her property all the time and she would rather that they were in a dog park setting.

**Travis Gebo** addressed the chair concerning the need for an additional SRO in the school system at Case and Wiley. He explained that fights, drugs and thefts are down. He also outlined some of the problems occurring at Case and Wiley.

**Yvonne Gebo** addressed the chair remarking that there has been a significant change at Watertown High since the SRO has started. She explained that the SRO is a person that the students can go to and also stressed the fact that this is not just an in-building program.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**AT 7:30 P.M. MAYOR GRAHAM ASKED THE CITY CLERK TO READ THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING THE 2008-09 OPERATING**

**BUDGETS AND 2008-09 THROUGH 2012-13 CAPITAL BUDGET.**

**MAYOR GRAHAM OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2008-09 OPERATING BUDGET.**

Mayor Graham remarked that the Gebo's comments, while not during the public hearing do reflect requests in the budget.

**Jason Trainham**, 142 Mechanic Street, addressed the chair asking if the budget calls for expansion of the bus routes. He also stated that an additional bus should be in the budget.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that this budget does not have any bus expansion in it.

Mr. Trainham asked why not.

Mayor Graham responded that this is not a question and answer session and Council is aware of what Mr. Trainham was saying.

Council Member Butler commented that someone had mentioned to him that they didn't know there was a public hearing this evening on the budget and wondered how the information is published. He stated that he doesn't feel the City has done all they can to get the word out about the public hearing.

Mrs. Dutton explained that it is published in the legal notices in the Watertown Daily Times. In addition, it appears in the minutes of the meeting when the motion was made to schedule the hearing. Those minutes appear on Newzjunky as well as on the City's webpage. Copies of the budget are also available in the City Manager's office.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the budget is also on line on the City's webpage. She also advised that there was mention of the public hearing in the Times as well as on the television.

**Michael McCarthy**, Francis Street, addressed the chair suggested that the notice of the public hearing be read on the Hotline Show and Mr. Curry's show. He also asked if there was any funding in the budget for a new ice arena and improvements for the sidewalks as well as extra funding for better shoveling of the sidewalks.

Mayor Graham explained that this is a public hearing and is an opportunity for people to say what they would like to see done and what they don't want to see done.

Mr. McCarthy responded that the City is spending \$25,000 for the Thousand Islands Council to advertise on the computer. He stated that not everyone has a computer and advertising should be done on the radio as well.

**MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING CLOSED AT 7:42P.M.**

**MAYOR GRAHAM OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2008-09  
THROUGH 2012-13 CAPITAL BUDGET.**

No one spoke.

**MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING CLOSED.**

**R E S O L U T I O N S**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that Stephen J. Bradley, 113 TenEyck Street, Watertown, New York, is hereby appointed to the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Mark Gebo, which term expires on December 31, 2009.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED BY  
ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that Keith Caughlin, 327 Keyes Avenue, Watertown, New York, is hereby appointed to the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library Board of Trustees for an eleven year term commencing January 1, 2009 and expiring on December 31, 2019.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED BY  
ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the following individual is reappointed to the Transportation Commission for a three-year term, such term expiring on April 1, 2011:

Donald Drew  
806 Holcomb Street  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED BY  
ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the following individual is reappointed to the Transportation Commission for a three-year term, such term expiring on April 1, 2011:

Sandra Guyton  
600 Lillian Street, #1  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND  
CARRIED BY ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the following individual is reappointed to the Transportation Commission for a three-year term, such term expiring on April 1, 2011:

Owen Virkler  
420 Newman Drive  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED BY  
ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

RESOLVED that the following individual is appointed to the Transportation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Kelly Lamoree, which term expires on April 1, 2009:

Mary Morgan  
248 Flower Avenue East  
Watertown, New York 13601

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND  
CARRIED BY ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Tourism Fund Budget contains an appropriation for destination marketing, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown wishes to enter into an Agreement for the provision of destination marketing services with the Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development Corporation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that it approves the Agreement for Public Benefit Services with the Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development Corporation, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City Council.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED BY ALL VOTING YEA**

Commenting on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler asked about the bed tax fund.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that there is approximately \$122,500, with \$52,500 being the public portion. She advised that some funding has been set aside for projects to be done. \$7,500 is to be used as a match for the Black River Marketing project. She explained that the funding in this resolution will come out of the 2007-08 budget.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee encourages municipalities to apply for funding under the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) which targets specific traffic violations associated with unsafe driving behaviors, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Police Department has reviewed the program and feels that participation in the program will benefit the Department and the citizens of the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS this funding will allow the Department to continue to have an enforcement-focused project that targets speeding and/or aggressive driving, including disregarding traffic control devices including red light and stop sign running,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown authorizes the Police Department to submit a grant application for support of special details dedicated to ticketing drivers exhibiting aggressive driving habits throughout the City, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes an application in the amount of \$9,000, a copy of which is attached and made a part of said resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Police Chief Joseph J. Goss is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant application on behalf of the City of Watertown.



**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND  
CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH  
AND MAYOR GRAHAM VOTING NAY**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Smith explained that he has traditionally voted against these resolutions in the past and would do so tonight. He stated that this creates a quota type system.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the City does publish where the stops will be in advance.

Council Member Smith responded that these are things that the police department should be doing on a daily basis. These programs should be used for warnings and information.

Council Member Clough remarked that these funds can be used in place of overtime funding.

Mayor Graham commented that he is inclined to agree with Council Member Smith. He also commented that this elective enforcement tends to anger people.

Council Member Butler asked how many days this is done throughout the year.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that it is only 300 man hours. However, as to how many people are used on a given day, she isn't sure.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS TO TAKE FROM THE  
TABLE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH LU  
ENGINEERS FOR 2008 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING WORK.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH AND CARRIED  
WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND  
COUNCIL MEMBER CLOUGH VOTING NAY.**

Prior the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Smith commented that there is information that has poles, specs, depth, etc. already done. All that has to be done is to copy it and put an engineer's stamp on it.

Mr. Hauk explained that traffic signals are either designed or not and are always done by a traffic engineer. He stated that he doesn't recommend just throwing it up. He stated that signals need to be designed properly.

Council Member Burns asked how other traffic signals had been done in other parts of the City.

Mr. Hauk explained that Clough Harbour designed the signals for the State Street and Public Square projects.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the City designed the signal at Arsenal and Sherman Streets when we had a traffic engineer on staff.

Council Member Butler referred to Exhibit D, Item 1A through Item IV.

Mr. Hauk explained that these are overhead figures estimated subject to audit.

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH VOTING NAY.**

## **ORDINANCES**

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. To pay the cost of the reconstruction of Gaffney Road, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including street, curb and storm sewer upgrades and the purchase and installation of a sewer lift station, and incidental expenses in connection therewith, a specific object or purpose, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$300,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$300,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$300,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance; provided, however, that the amount of bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of a local development authority grant anticipated to be received by said City for such specific object or purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision ninety-one of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the specific object or purpose consists of items which have a period of probable usefulness of at least twenty years under one or more of subdivisions three, four or twenty of the aforesaid paragraph a.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale

of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent such appropriation is not made from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable, as shall be established in proceedings under Section 93 of the City Charter.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and

shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

**SECONDED BY MAYOR GRAHAM AND CARRIED BY ALL VOTING YEA  
EXCEPT COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER VOTING NAY**

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT MOVED BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER  
CLOUGH, SECONDED BY MAYOR GRAHAM AND CARRIED WITH ALL  
VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing ordinance, Council Member Smith commented that given the problems that we are having with the plaza, another look should be taken at putting a road right through near the Home Depot.

Council Member Clough remarked that one of the hold ups was getting the owners of the plaza to agree. He also agreed with Council Member Smith and stated that the other route would be much shorter.

Mayor Graham remarked that if Gaffney Drive is to be considered a part of Western Boulevard, he would agree. However, if Western Boulevard is not going to be built, Gaffney Drive still has to be purchased and repaired. He stated that he doesn't see Western Boulevard moving beyond what the state has built.

Council Member Burns questioned why the City is paying \$86,000 to purchase this property. She stated that this should have been a \$1 transfer to the City. She also commented that the owner of the road is not suffering at all with the City buying the road.

Attorney Slye explained that the property is assessed at \$86,000 and the owner has been paying taxes on it for that assessment. He stated that the \$86,000 is for the road and the pump station. The owners spent \$79,000 on improvements to the pump station with the value of it being the cash flow from their contracts in the future. He also explained that the deed, which will be transferred on Friday, is from RFP Realty, Inc. and the estate of Fern Farquhar.

Council Member Butler commented that \$300,000 seems like a small amount of money to repair the road compared to the costs of repair to other streets.

Mr. Hauk explained that this is an estimate from DPW that was done last fall. It would be for a two lane road and the installation of drainage with other work to follow. He also advised Council that how the road is built will depend on how the City is going to do Western Boulevard. He stated that the \$300,000 is for basic material and DPW labor.

Mayor Graham remarked that the issue is whether Western Boulevard would be built through Gaffney or through Home Depot. He stated that he agrees that the sewage problem must be solved and he would like to see Gaffney brought down to Commerce Drive. Where it comes into the parking lot should be made straight.

Council Member Clough asked about the numbers for the Western Boulevard project.

Mr. Hauk explained that estimates are \$7 million for the pass through project from Arsenal to Coffeen. Gaffney then would have three lanes (center turn lane) and there would be a 10' multi-purpose trail to J.C.C. He also explained that the reason the corridor doesn't go through the Home Depot property is because NYS DOT has to support it and they don't.

Council Member Clough remarked that if the DPW is going to do the project, equipment and labor should not be added into the price. DPW already has the equipment and the crews would be working on something anyway.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the \$200,000 was originally awarded as a state member item from former state Senator James W. Wright. She explained that while this is not enough for a full fix, it will fix the road into a passable condition.

Mrs. Corriveau and Mr. Mills explained how the bonding has to be for the total project, even though some funding is from the grant and is so indicated in the bond ordinance.

Council Member Butler asked what would happen if the bond ordinance was defeated.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that Council would be advised that they have to find \$86,000 in the operating budget to fund the purchase which will occur on Friday.

Council Member Clough asked what would happen next year.

Mr. Hauk commented that if staff has directions to proceed with Western Boulevard as is, it will be designed that way.

Mayor Graham stated that he wants a safe and suitable street on Gaffney Drive. He stated that the City has an obligation to do what we have to so that it is safe. He also stated that he doesn't think we are at the point of a three lane thoroughfare through there.

Mr. Hauk explained that it will be a different design for a two lane and if it's going to be taken off the capital budget, it will be made a two lane road.

Council Member Clough commented that he didn't understand why it has to be a three lane highway.

Mr. Hauk explained that the middle lane would be a turning lane.

Mayor Graham stated that he wants a properly built two lane street with the proper drainage and with sewer work being done as needed.

Mr. Hauk advised that he has had two conversations with the property manager of the plaza who is wondering where we are going with Western Boulevard.

Council Member Smith commented that he agrees with Mayor Graham that a three lane street is not needed.

Attorney Slye asked if we would have a dedicated city street after spending the \$200,000.

Mr. Hauk stated that he doesn't know because the original estimate was a part of a larger project.

Mayor Graham responded that if it isn't a city street, then it should be closed.

Council Member Burns stated that she agreed with Mayor Graham.

Mrs. Corriveau asked about the easements.

Attorney Slye explained that they will transfer with the property. He also advised that the road can not be closed because JRC and the owners of the plaza have easements. He also advised that the City is willing to dedicate streets when they meet our construction standards. The \$200,000 will fix the street and he is not concerned about the liability issue as the City has done the best that they can. He stated that he wants to insure that Council is aware that it may not meet codes.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that signage will be posted on Friday stating that this is not a city street and vehicles will be traveling at their own risk on it.

Mayor Graham remarked that the easements are in essence because driveways owned by citizens entitle them to passage through there. He stated that it would seem that we would want to do what we need to do to make it 32' wide with one side walk and relocation of the pump station.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that she understands what the Council wants. She stated that staff will come back to the Council with figures. She also remarked that it may be two years before the sidewalks are built. She stated that the most important thing is to get the road fixed.

Council Member Clough remarked that Western Boulevard should not be a pipe dream and we should be looking at it.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETER L. CLOUGH**

BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 293 of the City Code of the City of Watertown is amended to add the following:

§ 293-61. Schedule XIII. Parking Prohibited at All Times

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
North Indiana Avenue	East	From Ohio Street to Bronson Street

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Chapter 293 of the City Code of the City of Watertown is amended as follows:

§ 293-61. Schedule XIII. Parking Prohibited at All Times

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
North Indiana Avenue	East	From Ohio Street to Gill Street

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this amendment shall take effect as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, or printed as the City Manager directs.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH**

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT MOVED BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Prior to a vote on the foregoing ordinance, Council Member Clough asked if the residents were notified.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that citizens had voiced their concerns and the ordinance was prepared by the Police Department.

Council members requested more input from the neighbors.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLOUGH TO TABLE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

**Open Windows in Vacant Buildings:**

Council Member Burns asked if it was also a code violation to have open broken windows on floors other than the first floor. She remarked that the Woolworth building still has open windows above.

Attorney Slye said that it is a violation on the second floor as well.

Mrs. Corriveau will follow up on this.

**Condition of Thompson Park**

Council Member Burns stated that Tom Bruno had expressed his concern about the condition of Thompson Park. The trash receptacles were full and there was trash all over.

**Codes Property Updates**

Mrs. Corriveau reviewed the memo concerning the property located at 233-35 Sterling Street and 111 Phelps Street.

Council Member Clough asked if the DPW had been over to 111 Phelps to clean it up.



### **Shared Municipal Grant**

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council that the City received notice that the grant with the Town of Watertown had been approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

**Donna M. Dutton**

City Clerk